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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN MEDIA ON PRESIDENT'S CSCE STATEMENT

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1. PARTY ORGAN NEPSZABADSZ JUNE 8 CARRIES EXCERPTS FROM ARTICLE ON PRESIDENT'S CSCE STATEMENT BY TASS COMMENTATOR KORNILOV ON FIRST COLUMN, PAGE 2. EXCERPTS INCLUDE FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) PRESIDENT IGNORES GROSS INEQUITIES IN US, INCLUDING HEAVY UNEMPLOYMENT AND RACISM BUT ASSUMES ROLE OF MENTOR TO USSR AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES; (B) SUPPORT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOVIET DISSIDENTS BY US IS INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOVIET UNION AND VIOLATION OF HELSINKI AGREEMENTS; AND (C) PRESIDENT'S STAND WILL HAVE NO EFFECT ON SOCIALISM BUT WILL HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND ON DETENTE AS A WHOLE. KORNILOV'S STATEMENT RE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH BELGRADE MEETING COULD BE USEFUL IS OMITTED.

2. SAME DAY IN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DAILY NEWS UNDER HEADLINE "CONTROVERSIAL US STAND ON HELSINKI POINTS," MTI DISPATCH FROM WASHINGTON DEALS WITH PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO CSCE COMMISSION. LABELING THE REPORT "ONE-SIDED, CONTROVERSIAL, AND NOT A LITTLE AGGRESSIVE," ARTICLE SAYS PRESIDENTIAL REPORT TO A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE THAT HAD BEEN SET UP "TO SUPERVISE" HELSINKI RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTS DISTORTED PICTURE AND TRIES TO ASSERT THAT SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ARE NOT IMPLEMENTING HELSINKI RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS AND INFORMATION. AT SAME TIME, SAYS MTI, PRESIDENT'S REPORT TREATS ONLY SUPERFICIALLY POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF EUROPEAN COOPERATION, AND EVEN LITTLE IT SAYS IS MADE UP MAINLY OF DISTORTIONS AND ACCUSATIONS. IT CLAIMS THAT SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ARE NOT GIVING "SUITABLE" TRADE INFORMATION TO WEST "BUT IT DOES RECOGNIZE INDIRECTLY ESSENTIAL POINT, NAMELY, THAT NEITHER US NOR COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES HAVE ALTERED DISCRIMINATIONS AFFECTING NORMAL TRADE WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES."

3. MTI GOES ON TO SAY THAT PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO CSCE COMMISSION SHOWS THAT SOCIALIST COUNTRIES HAVE MADE BROAD PROPOSALS FOR ALL-EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN ENERGY, TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FIELDS, BUT DOES NOT REFER TO FACT THAT WEST HAS NOT REACTED TO THESE PROPOSALS OF COMMON INTEREST. COMMENTARY POINTS OUT THAT WASHINGTON "ACKNOWLEDGES" THAT BOTH SIDES HAVE STARTED GIVING ADVANCE INFORMATION ON MILITARY MANEUVERS BUT ATTRIBUTES GREATER MERIT TO WEST IN THIS CONTEXT. PICTURE PAINTED ABOUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HUMAN RIGHTS, TRAVEL, AND INFORMATION, ACCORDING TO MTI, IS ONE-SIDED AND, AS PRESIDENT'S REPORT PUTS IT, SITUATION HAS "RATHER WORSENER THAN IMPROVED." IN SELF-CONGRADICTORY MANNER, MTI DECLARES, REPORT THEN LISTS NEW DEVELOPMENTS BETWEEN US AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, INCLUDING HUNGARY, IN FIELDS OF TRAVEL, REUNITING OF FAMILIES, EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, ETC.

4. MTI CONTINUES: SECRETARY VANCE ON MONDAY RECONFIRMED OFFICIAL USE ATTITUDE IN SAYING THAT ALL THREE HELSINKI "BASKETS" ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT. IN KEEPING WITH THIS US DELEGATION IS PREPARING FOR BELGRADE IN A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION, AVOIDING POLEMICS. HOWEVER, VANCE'S STATEMENT, AS WELL AS PRESIDENT CARTER'S REPORT, SHOW THAT US DOES NOT CONSIDER IT INTER-FERENCE IN ANOTHER COUNTRY'S AFFAIRS IF, WITH REFERENCE TO HELSINKI, IT WANTS TO PRESCRIBE TO SOVIET UNION AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WHAT TO DO, AND WHAT NOT TO DO.

5. SAME DAY IN EVENING BROADCAST RADIO BUDAPEST DECLARED

AT ONE POINT THAT US ADMINISTRATION HAS NOW CAST ITSELF
IN SELF-APPOINTED ROLE OF ACCUSER, DEFENDER, JUDGE, AND JURY.
PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT TO CSCE COMMISSION, IT SAID,
CONTRIBUTES TO CONCEPT THAT WHAT IS GOOD FOR THE US IS
GOOD FOR THE WORLD, ALTHOUGH THIS CONCEPT IS NOW DISGUISED
AS MORALITY. IN OTHER WORDS, SAID RADIO BUDAPEST, THIS
CONCEPT IMPLIES THAT PEOPLES OF WORLD--NO MATTER WHAT THEIR
SOCIAL SYSTEM, LEVEL OF THEIR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
THEIR NATIONAL TRADITIONS, THEIR GOALS, PRINCIPLES AND VALUE
SYSTEMS ARE LIKE --ARE COMPELLED TO ACCEPT VIEWS, AIMS, AND
JUDGMENTS OF THE RULING CIRCLES OF THE UNITED STATES.

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6. PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTTEL B, I GAVE
AMBASSADOR BARTHA, DIRECTOR FONOFF DEPARTMENT V, COPY OF
SECRETARY'S REPORT TO CSCE COMMISSION ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION.

BARTHA'S ONLY COMMENT WAS THAT FOREIGN OFFICE WAS PLEASED BY
NICE THINGS PRESIDENT HAD SAID IN HIS REPORT ABOUT HUNGARY.
SINCE I HAD NOT SEEN THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT I COULD MAKE
NO COMMENT. FROM BARTHA'S REACTION, HUNGARIAN MEDIA TREAT-
MENT SO FAR OF PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION,
AND FROM IMPRESSIONS GATHERED FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH WELL-
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INFORMED HUNGARIANS, WE WOULD BE SURPRISED IF HUNGARIANS
WERE TO PROTEST FORMALLY ANYTHING PRESIDENT SAID IN HIS
REPORT TO CSCE COMMISSION. WE THINK HUNGARIANS WILL GO
THROUGH MOTIONS IN SUPPORT OF SOVIET LINE IN THEIR PRESS
AND RADIO COMMENTARY BUT REALLY PREFER TO AVOID GETTING
INTO A HASSLE WITH US OVER THIS ISSUE AT THIS TIME.
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